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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MIZOGUCHI ET AL.

Examiner

Anh T. Mai

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/4/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haertling et al. [5312674] in view of Saito [JP 403283491A].

Haertling discloses substrate 20 having lower ferrite magnetic film 14, upper ferrite magnetic film 12, planar coil 22 disposed in between, opening 32 formed on upper layer and above coil terminal and formed external electrode conductive 28, 30 [fig 1]. Haertling discloses the invention as claimed as cited above except for the planar coil terminal is subjected to surface treatment prior to coupling of coil terminal portion and external electrode. Saito discloses terminal 7b is subjected to a surface treatment. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to apply surface treatment of the terminal as taught by Saito to Haertling. The motivation would have been to protect the integrity of the terminal material. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Saito with Haertling.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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Claim 1 recites, inter alia, *a Cu conductor formed by electro plating with two-layered film comprising a film composed of metal selected from Nb, Ta, Mo and W or alloy constituted of two or more thereof and Cu film as plating foundation.*

Claim 2 recites, inter alia, *average composition of the ferrite magnetic film is Fe_2O_3 , 40-50 mol%; ZnO: 15-35 mol%; CuO: 0-20 mol%, Bi_2O_3 : 0-10 mol% while remainder thereof is composed of NiO and unavoidable impurity.*

Claim 4 recites, inter alia, *magnetic film is baked at a temperature of 900°C or more to 1050°C or less in the atmosphere of less than 1vol.% in oxygen concentration after said upper magnetic film is applied.*

The references of record do not teach or suggest the aforementioned limitation, nor would it be obvious to modify those references to include such limitation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh T. Mai whose telephone number is 571-272-1995. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER